

## **Hannah Webber - Chair of Governors**

Having been part of the Coten End School family for the last five years, I've experienced, as a parent, the child focused ethos of the school which my children have no doubt significantly benefitted. I've also as a parent experienced the SEN support, and challenges of juggling as a working parent which I know is similar to many at the school. From my professional background I work in higher education, which gives me some understanding of the comparable pressures schools may face, whilst also seeing the visible distinction of those students who developed a love of education and were well supported in their learning from an early age. Having a role in the local hospital governance board I understand the value and challenges being a 'critical friend' to an organisation. However, I suspect the main value that I bring as a governor is just being incredibly proud of Coten End and my enthusiasm to be a part of ensuring that the school continues to thrive for future local children.

## **Emma Sims – Vice-Chair and Safeguarding Governor**

As a mum of two children at Coten End, I'm passionate about our school, its values and ethos and the well-being of its community. I have worked at a Secondary School as a Teacher, Head of Department and Head of Faculty. I have considerable experience in school management such as leading whole school initiatives, curriculum, budgets, staffing and school development. I became a Parent Governor in February 2022.

In my own time I enjoy going to the theatre, cycling, running and spending time with friends and family.

## **Helen Thompson – SEND Governor**

It has been a privilege to serve the Coten End community as a Parent Governor since September 2019. There are new and challenging pressures on our young people. The partnership between parent/carer and Coten End Primary School is a special one, together preparing the children for the many changes in our evolving society.

I have four children who have all attended Coten End and now moved to secondary school. I have seen the school meet the needs of 4 very different personalities of child.

I have a career background as an Assistant Head including being Head of 6th Form and Head of Biology, having responsibility for staff professional development and coordinating 14-19 Education in South Warwickshire.

On the Governing body I am responsible for Governor training as well as being the link Governor for the Early Years Foundation Stage.

## **Nick Golsby**

Following over 10 years' experience working in secondary and higher education, I am excited to join the governing board of Coten End Primary School. I look forward to making a positive impact on primary education with Coten End for pupils, parents and staff.

Currently I work as an Associate Professor in Engineering Design at Coventry University; this role sees me leading my discipline in curriculum development, quality education delivery and collaborating with leading institutes and industry.

In my own time I enjoy rowing with Warwick Boat Club, taking a scenic walk with my family and renovating our home.

### **Shammas Qurashe**

I am a proud parent of two children at Coten End Primary School, and have seen first hand the positive impact the school, its values, ethos and staff have had on my children. I recently joined the Parent Governing Body and look forward to serving the community in maximising the opportunities for growth our children have whilst providing a safe and nurturing environment.

I am a qualified teacher, holding NQT status in Secondary and Higher Education. I have worked as an Engineer for the last 10 years, however, my passion for education remains. In my spare time I enjoy playing cricket, running and spending time with family and friends.

I hope to use my experience and enthusiasm to maintain the high standards we come to expect from Coten End Primary School, to ensure the school, staff and our children are best equipped for whatever the future holds.

### **Paula Palade**

I have a background in higher education as a lecturer, following my PhD in Electrical Engineering. Currently, I work for Jaguar Land Rover as a Manager in Future technology, AI and Connected & Autonomous Vehicles, specialising in Ethics of New Technology and societal impact.

I am a Chartered Engineer with the IET, heavily involved in volunteering activities in engineering and STEM ambassador. I enjoy working at the interface between new tech, science, innovation and policy, providing benchmark and best practice.

I am excited to join the governing board of Coten End Primary School, share my experience and support the school. I became a parent governor in 2022, as my eldest son just started his educational journey with the school.

### **Hollie Allsopp – Staff Governor**

I joined Coten End Primary School just over a year ago and it has been a real privilege to become part of such a supportive and committed school community. Prior to this, I worked in a single-form entry Church of England primary school, which gave me valuable experience of working within a different school context and ethos. I love teaching in both KS1 and KS2 and believe that both key stages bring unique experiences and qualities that shape me as a teacher.

I have been teaching since 2019, with my first year as an NQT coinciding with the unprecedented period of school closures during the Covid pandemic — a unique and challenging start to my teaching career that strengthened my resilience, adaptability and passion for education. I genuinely love my job and feel incredibly lucky to work in a profession that allows me to make a positive difference to children's lives every day.

Becoming a Staff Governor is hugely important to me. I strongly value the role of staff voice within governance and see this position as a vital bridge between the governing body and school staff. This connection plays a key role in supporting the effective running of the school, as well as championing the wellbeing of both staff and pupils. I am proud to support Coten End in this way and to contribute to the continued success of the school community.

Away from work, I enjoy anything musical theatre related – dance, drama and singing. I also love spending time with my family and friends.